

By: Senator(s) Dickerson

To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2853

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE TO USE COUNTY
2 PRISON LABOR TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN CEMETERIES; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) Any sheriff or his designee may use any
6 person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony and who is
7 serving all or any part of his sentence in the county jail to
8 clear, clean, stabilize, preserve, maintain and restore historic
9 cemeteries in the county. For purposes of this section the term
10 "historic cemeteries" means cemeteries that are at least fifty
11 (50) years old.

12 (2) Before undertaking work on a cemetery, the sheriff or
13 his designee shall contact the Department of Archives and History
14 to obtain information on appropriate procedures for the
15 preservation and restoration of a historical cemetery.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after its passage.

